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SUBJECT MBFR: FRG DISCUSSION WITH BELGIANS AND DUTCH

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON FRG DISCUSSION WITH
BELGIANS AND DUTCH ON THE FRENCH DATA ISSUE ON NOVEMBER 22.

ACTION REQUESTED: SEE FINAL PARAGRAPH. END SUMMARY.

1. RUTH (FRG FONOFF) BRIEFED USNATO AND UK DELEGATION
ON RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BELGIAN AND
DUTCH MBFR OFFICIALS AT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.
2. BELGIANS AND DUTCH AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO THE THREE TEXTS
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IN REF A, WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS IN THE DRAFT
TALKING POINTS (PARA 2, REF A), WHICH WERE APPROVED
AD REFERENDUM BY RUTH. REVISE THE FINAL SENTENCE OF POING (C)
TO READ: "WE WILL APPRECIATE FRENCH CONFIRMATION THAT

FRANCE WILL NOT OBJECT TO THE NECESSARY ACTION BEING TAKEN IN THE ALLIANCE." REVISE POINT (D) TO READ:
"WE ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE IN DUE COURSE WAYS OF RECONCILING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIED PARTICIPANTS AND THE POSITION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT."

3. THE REASON FOR THE FIRST REVISION WAS TO INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF FRENCH NON-OBJECTION. THE REASON FOR THE SECOND REVISION WAS TO AVOID THE NOTE OF CONVICTION CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE SENTENCE.

4. RUTH SAID THAT THE BELGIANS PREFER TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE WITH THE FRENCH, AT NATO, SO AS TO BE IN THE SAME FRAMEWORK AS THEIR PREVIOUS DEMARCHE WITH THE FRENCH. THE DEMARCHE WOULD BE AT THE NATO AMBASSADOR LEVEL. THE BELGIAN PERMREP WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE THE TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS AND OF THE "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" GUIDANCE WITH FRENCH PERMREP. FRG BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE A PARALLEL DEMARCHE IN PARIS, WHICH FRG WOULD MAKE LATER THIS WEEK AT THE SCHEDULED FRG-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS (HE WAS UNSURE OF THE DATE), IF BY THAT TIME THERE WAS US-UK-FRG-BELGIAN-DUTCH AGREEMENT ON THE TEXTS. RUTH THOUGHT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE SUCH AGREEMENT BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, TO PERMIT THIS FRG PARALLEL DEMARCHE. OTHERWISE, THE PARALLEL DEMARCHE IN PARIS COULD BE CARRIED OUT AT A LATER TIME BY "ONE OF US."

5. RUTH SAID THE BELGIANS AND DUTCH BELIEVE THAT THE NATO DELEGATIONS OF THE OTHER ALLIED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD RECEIVE THE THREE TEXTS FOR INFORMATION JUST PRIOR TO THE BELGIAN DEMARCHE AND THE PARALLEL DEMARCHE WITH THE FRENCH. RUTH SAID HE AGREED THIS WAS THE BEST COURSE. THE BELGIANS AND DUTCH AGREED THAT AFTER FRENCH NON-OBJECTION, NAC APPROVAL OF THE TWO GUIDANCE TEXTS WOULD BE SOUGHT BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. THE BELGIANS BELIEVE THAT IF THE FRENCH, DURING THE DEMARCHE, ASK WHAT THE OTHER ALLIES PLAN TO DO ABOUT RED DATA, THE FRENCH SHOULD BE SHOWN THE TEXT OF GUIDANCE ON RED DATA. RUTH SAID THE FRG CAN AGREE.

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6. IF THE US, UK, FRG, BELGIUM, AND NETHERLANDS CONFIRM THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE TEXTS AS REVISED ABOVE AND TO THE ABOVE PROCEDURE, THEN THE THREE TEXTS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DELEGATIONS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS (PRESUMABLY BY THE BELGIANS), AND THE BELGIAN PERMREP WOULD MAKE THE DEMARCHE WITH THE FRENCH PERMREP.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE TEXTUAL REVISIONS AND THE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED ABOVE, IF POSSIBLE BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23. STRAUZ-HUPE

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